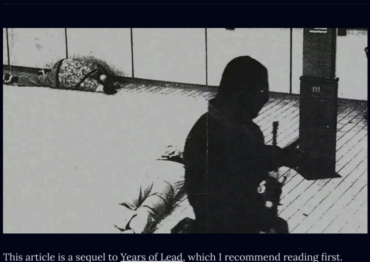
Balkanization

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This article is a sequel to Years of Lead, which I recommend reading first.

Near the end of that article, I brought up that the most likely scenario for civil conflict in America is some level balkanization. The definition of balkanization I'll be going off of is "*to divide a region/country into smaller & mutually hostile states.*" The mutually hostile part is rather important, many of these states will opposed to each other in some form or another. This doesn't mean that they're going to be waging total war on each other, but alliances will be transient & shift like the tides.

This is specifically important as the federal government gradually loses its grip over the situation.

A while back, A24 released a movie called Civil War which had a very interesting map. California & Texas were allies, along with the bulk of Dixie & the Pacific Northwest. The Northeast & Central Atlantic, all the way to New Mexico were loyalists to the federal government. I don't know what crack the writers were smoking to think this up, but it's a great example of what hypothetical civil war would absolutely not look like. However, the premise of ideological hostile states briefly allying against mutual threats is not unrealistic.

A good example of this is the actual US civil war, many of the Southern states actually joined for separate reasons. There were a few that didn't bring up anything related to slavery or state's rights in their declarations of succession, they had entirely separate reasons to want out of federal government. In the event of a Southern victory, there likely would have been some disagreement but not enough to cause internal division due to the anti-federalist nature of the CSA. Regardless, it shows that when ideological concerns evolve to the point of open conflict realpolitik takes over. Alliances can form even between outright ideological enemies (like a hypothetical Texas-California alliance) in order to pursue immediate pragmatic goals. This doesn't necessarily mean that either party is ideologically compromised, but may make the situation more complicated.

Firstly, we should talk about how a civil conflict progresses from the low level militancy of the "years of lead" & into a level of balkanization. Much like an acid trip, you probably won't know when it starts but you will know when it's happening. In the previous article, I mentioned how militant groups will have territory. This territory isn't in the open, it's simply located in areas with a friendly ideological environment which allows for bars, restaurants, & other venues that are at least sympathetic to the local militants to act as recruiting centers & safe houses.

If a militant group is smart, they will not be going after the government in this stage. They will be going after their ideological opponents. Influencers, journalists, activists, etc. Taking swings at the government should only be very deliberate, targeted killings. Judges, prosecutors, local authorities, and others that pose an ideological or physical threat to the militants. The only exception is a militant group that's in an ideologically hostile territory, for example a White Nationalist organization operating in Detroit. The reason is that federal authorities operate as an immune response to internal threats. They will more heavily target what they perceive as the biggest threat to themselves. As for the original Years of Lead, this is why Red Brigade fighters were targeted far more harshly than neo-fascist groups. They were simply more prone to attacking random civil servants & police officers, thus drawing them much more ire from the government than the RWers. The easiest way to fight the government is to simply let it collapse on its own as it loses control.

Anyway, the process of gaining territory is a steady progression of the development of these safe havens. For example, CHAZ. Seattle has long been a hotbed for leftist radicalism. It's no surprise that during the 2020 race riots, Seattle was the location of their 'autonomous zone.' From what I understand, this was originally intended to be some sort of Paris Commune knock off before Trump's DHS shut it down. These autonomous zones are essentially the evolution of the safe zones, spread out to cover significant amounts of territory. For cities, this will usually take the form of neighborhoods or boroughs (such as Capitol Hill or Queens). More rural areas would like be smaller cities or vast regions of countryside. For areas like the plains of Montana, a fairly small group of militants can effectively control multiple counties worth of land. This effectiveness drops considerably in compartmentalized terrain, with considerable development & population density. The population density is obvious, it takes more militants to control more people.

Looking at Iraq & Italy, I have a very rough formula for this. It takes roughly 1 militant/sympathizer to control every 100 people. This is roughly the ratio of federal employees to the population as well. This is also an extreme estimation, many factors will affect this. Especially the presence & popularity of other militant groups or the federal government.

A good historical example is the Mahdi Army, which controlled Sadr City from 2003 to 2008. Sadr City is a neighborhood in Baghdad, home to about a million people, while the Mahdi Army was Shia militia & one of the main adversaries of the US Army in Iraq. They were so successful that they were never fully destroyed, they signed peace accords with the government/coalition & are now a legitimate force in local & national Iraqi politics. The Mahdi Army had around 10,000 fighters in 2006, with their sympathizers they managed to control a territory of a million people. I should also mention that, being a Shia group, they were hostile to groups like Al-Qaeda or the Islamic State & thus did not benefit from the much larger number of Sunni militant networks. Fun fact, they reformed in 2014 to fight the Islamic State, as an official element of the Iraqi Army.

A popular symbol for conservative types is the old III% decal. The legend goes that only about 3% of colonists supported American independence in 1776, which isn't accurate. It's likely that about 3% actively participated in the civil conflict in some manner, but their sympathizers included about a third of the population according to John Adams. Regardless, the point of the Threepers isn't about showing support. It's a subset of the long standing militia movement, they see themselves as willing to fight for their beliefs. The whole attitude of "we only need three percent of people to resist the government" has a core flaw though. That flaw is that 3% percent of the population would be force of nearly 12 million people, a force several times larger than the entire number military & federal employees in the country. In fact, a militant group that comprises 3% of the US population would be the single largest military force in the world. The point is that you need far less numbers than you might think to wage a potential insurrection.

Among the ways you can tell that things are progressing to the point of balkanization is when militant groups become the dominant force in an area, specifically when multiple groups form together into unified coalitions. In this instance, roughly similar groups will have already begun forming connections & even mutually supporting each other. At some point they link into a single group, though the specifics vary. In some cases, they simply merge into single entity without much effort. This is most common when the groups have virtually identical ideologies. In other instances, they form a congress of sorts. This occurs when groups are similar enough to ally with each other but not similar enough to perfectly blend. In these cases, member groups essentially vote on certain points of action or ideology while presenting a unified front to the outside. Although this potentially allows for an easier splintering of the various groups, it also allows for a broader base of support. In the event of victory, the factions of these coalitions often take the form of political parties in the proper government later down the line.

These also form the basis of more organized military formations, leaving behind the cell based structure & underground resistance. At this point, militants are organized to form units roughly similar to Azov Battalion or the previously mentioned Mahdi Army. The thing separating these from underground resistance groups is that they are able to operate in the open, with a uniform look & public displays of their symbols & such. By this point, they are able to exert total control over their territory. Local police essentially becomes allied forces, or simply ignores their activities. Local government effectively ceases to exist beyond puppet figures to deal with the local population.

Much like the Mahdi Army, these units are not prone to simple crack downs. These aren't Branch Davidians or the Weaver family, where you can surround them with hundreds of federal agents. Government intervention would take the form of a legitimate military operation, with heavy weapons & thousands of personnel. If this is a single organization, it may not be impossible for them to gather a few thousand agents from local police, FBI, DHS, etc. But the likely scenario is that there are dozens of these enclaves throughout the country. There simply aren't enough resources to carry out these operations once the ball really gets rolling. I should also mention that to carry out an operation like this would take basically all pressure off of every other militant group in the country, potentially leading to a hydra scenario where even more no-go zones are established while the feds deal with one.

That being said, the powers that be most likely won't go quietly into the night. Eventually, they have to respond. How they handle this will be potentially the final nail in the coffin. If militant groups are smart, they'll let their differences slide for a few months while this happens. This is because whatever the feds decide to target should be made into an American Chechnya. A really smart move would be to try & pick the battlefield, making a big deal about a specific enclave so that the government is more likely to target it. Bonus points if the group is particularly abrasive, like Nazis or something. The main goal is to make it seem like the enclave is as powerful as possible & getting stronger by the day, making it a prime target. This is because we don't really want to pick a fight somewhere like Wyoming where it's almost entirely flat ground with little infrastructure.

What you really want is the terrain everyone knows is a nightmare for counter insurgency operations, either mountains & forests or dense cities. Seeing as urban jungles aren't exactly strongholds of the RW, this limits us to the former. The most obvious example is Appalachia, the Blue Mountains region where there's a good amount of developed areas surrounded by harsh mountains & thick vegetation. Other examples include the Ozarks or North Cascades. This gives the insurgents the maximum advantage, terrain wise.

Something easy to forget is that we won't be facing the full force of the US military like the Taliban or Al-Qaeda. The bulk of federal forces will be those currently assigned to the FBI, Marshals, ATF, etc. Most likely reinforced by the National Guard. More importantly, you'll be facing the government loyalists. Those who fully support the establishment, enough to fight for it. Enough to fight other Americans for it. It should go without saying that these people are rare, the federal government is highly unpopular with virtually everyone in the country. Though, this may be influenced by who the ruling party is. More on that later.

Regardless, insurgents should hype up the fight as much as possible. Flags, hashtags, a social media campaign, the whole nine yards. Every piece of infrastructure that gets destroyed or civilian caught in the crossfire should be blamed on the tyrants in the government. This serves two purposes, firstly to garner support for the militants in contact & demonize the feds. Secondly, to attract fighters from other regions to join. Jihadis did this in Iraq to attract fighters from the rest of the Muslim world. This makes the situation even bleaker for federal forces.

The goal isn't necessarily outright independence, not yet at least. The goal is to wreak havoc on the federal forces. Both physically, by killing as many as possible & destroying equipment, and politically by destroying any good will the population has left for the government. This can be accomplished even if the insurgents lose the battle & the feds reestablish control over the region. Insurgents, in this scenario, should return to low level warfare against the occupation forces. This includes influence operations & physical attacks by (once again) underground groups.

As for allied insurgents who are not part of the hypothetical Chechnya, there's two options. The first is to simply travel to the war zone & take part. This gives militants much needed experience, plus improves their reputation after the fact. The other option is to increase operations in their sector to either strike the enemy while they're preoccupied elsewhere or assist the militants in combat from the outside as partisan fighters behind enemy lines. Better established groups should opt for the former, with the goal of establishing even more enclaves across the country. Lower level groups are probably better off with the latter. In either case, it's important militants take advantage of the opportunity & expand their influence, as well as hitting hard targets that are now less guarded, so to speak.

By this point, the system is radically weakened but not yet ineffective. The most important goal across the board is, as James Mason says, to *put the system under siege*. This is just as important as eliminating hostile ideologues.

Ideally, the insurgents in the hypothetical Chechnya win & federal forces are forced to run home & effectively admit defeat. This is a massive propaganda victory, it makes the feds look powerless & armed resistance as a viable strategy. This would have cascading effects. The average person would lose a massive amount of faith in the government, which can now be won over by local militants. It also causes various factions that would otherwise not go to war with the feds to rethink their position. Depending on the administration, this could cause states like Texas or California to outright ignore the federal government, becoming de facto independent if not outright declaring it.

Unfortunately for them, state government isn't really respected anymore. Not on its own merit anyway. If a state were to begin operating independently of the federal government, they would essentially be at the whim of their radicals. California would quickly become a safe haven for all leftist militants in the country, where they could recruit & train members with no push back. The reverse can be said about a hypothetically independent West Virginia or Texas. Political power is determined by how many people are willing to fight for their ideology, not necessarily raw numbers of a lukewarm supporters.

This is especially true if militant sympathizers are in control of the local government. This may seem unlikely, but by this point militant groups are well known & a standard facet of life. Moreover, ideologically hostile local politicians are prime targets for militant groups & after a while the local government is just whoever the local militants have allowed to live. This is how cartels gain influence in the politics of Mexico & South America. It doesn't matter whether or not the politicians are officially members, they're willing to work with militants at bare minimum & ideological supporters in all likelihood. At a certain point, these are inseparable from militant organizations & simply become their political wing. Same as the Irish Republican Army & Sinn Féin.

The civilian population, the unwashed masses who aren't waging a political war, are virtually irrelevant by this point. Their opinions on various factions means nothing, if someone lives in an area where hostile militants have a dominant position they will simply leave. In fact, they'd probably disappear long before underground groups come out of the shadows. At a certain point, militants run out of soft targets. The low hanging fruits are dealt with, while those that remain are living deep in ideologically friendly territory & would be overly risky to take a swing at. This means militants turn their sights on low level hostiles.

Even something as simple as LGBT flag or MAGA bumper sticker could make one a target. Probably not singled out for assassination, but certainly in danger of being beaten, suffering property damage, all that. In extreme cases, you will see murder via mob violence such as the killings during race riots in the US. Similar events happened in every civil conflict. Catholic clergy were brutalized by Spanish republicans, German communists were hunted down by the SA. In Afghanistan, local Taliban units would kill civilians for simply voting in elections. Most don't have the stomach to bring violence on someone for supporting the wrong candidate, others fantasize about it. Such is life during wartime.

This leads to an exodus of ideologues. People will move to be around people who won't see them as enemies. Some tranny isn't going to live in territory controlled by far-right militants, and the average Trump voter isn't going to live in the next Paris Commune knockoff. Would you? The tipping point comes when there's basically no one on the other side left, certainly no fighters. Eventually, you reach a point where the position becomes untenable & leave for more promising territory. At this point, an area is created that is largely sympathetic to their local militants.

As an example, we can look at *The Turner Diaries*. Specifically, the uprising in Southern California that occurs later in the book. At this point in the story, the Organization has been committing various attacks for years but remains largely fragmented. Although loosely under a central authority, various cells are still mainly operating independently & by their own means. The uprising is an attempt to escalate the situation, bringing in 2,000 militants from across the country in order to seize the area around Los Angeles. For the rest of the book, the SoCal enclave is used as a hub for recruiting, training, & running guerrilla propaganda campaigns. This lessens the burden of the Organization, which was an underground organization that recruited via word of mouth with massive effort being taken to maintain secrecy.

The creation of territory, or enclaves, allows any militant group to do the same. Once the demographics of these areas are overwhelmingly people who range from apathy to outright support, you loose the burden of dealing with internal threats. This means a greater focus on beefing up the militant group & supporting other likeminded factions. If this territory happens to be bigger than the federal government can handle, or is one of many, militants will be able to do all the things formerly relegated to the shadows in the open. No one can stop them from producing whatever media they want & fighting without masks or fear of arrest.

The point of all this, where it ties in with the title, is that this is the precursor to balkanization. Once the federal government loses enough control that their power doesn't even extend throughout its borders, new power fills the void. It's only natural.

The reason I feel that political struggle in the US is more likely to resemble balkanization than a more simple civil war over who controls the country is twofold. The first is the sheer size of the country, larger than all of Europe combined. A militant group in Germany has a much easier task, a cell of 12 fighters can effectively launch attacks anywhere in the country in a handful of hours. Moreover, they would have a far easier time meeting up & communicating. A couple hour drive to meet up with an organization formed from internet friends isn't difficult. The same can't be said for Americans, which could be upwards of 3 days travel time. Even if these fighters happen to live close by, their potential targets are limited to what's within a realistic driving distance. A group in Dresden can easily conduct activism in Köln, the same isn't true for a group in Florida & a target in Seattle. This is to say nothing of the large differences in way of life between different regions of America, limiting their ability to simply fit in with the locals or be knowledgeable about the social/physical environment.

This has already been a factor in why various organizations in America tend to not have a national presence, & ones that do are sparsely manned. The KKK can't really exist outside the Deep South, while the Aryan Brotherhood can only exist in racial jungles like the Southeast. Areas like the MidWest or New England would hardly even necessitate a racial element to activism because the majority of these areas are overwhelmingly White beyond a few cities. An organization in Vermont has very different tasks & obstacles than one in Mississippi. Their war would look very different, both semantically & physically. This goes beyond simply different taskings, it necessitates entirely separate organizations that are hopefully roughly aligned ideologically & have the ability to work together long term.

The next reason is that America, as it stands, doesn't look like Yugoslavia in 1992. As the lovely writers at The American Futurist have pointed out, the US government looks like Sears in 2005. The transition to the new Trump administration (contrary to many who are overly optimistic with it) is essentially identical to Kmart buying Sears. The old guard that made up the "Establishment" are gone, and workers are being laid off en masse. As someone who has heavily studied, & been the target of, FBI "counter-extremism" operations it's very difficult to convey how much that entire section of the system has been destroyed in the past few months. Many of the same names & faces I watched go after Atomwaffen & The Base are now unhappily unemployed, without a retirement check & demonized by the new heads of the federal government.

Much like the Sears storefronts, FBI field offices are shutting down nationwide. This includes arguably the most important office for the Bureau, their New York office which has been a center for all sorts of anti-extremism activities. As well, the FBI's Chicago office which is home to the Joint Terrorism Task Force. For those who haven't heard my rants about the JTTF, they were the main effort in taking down Atomwaffen & most other groups involved in the 'SiegeKultur' sphere of things. They also went after most other RW organizations & even mainstream conservatives. The JTTF has been reassigned to assist with "immigration enforcement." From what I can tell, it's a similar situation with other agencies like the NSA & ATF. The only people unaffected seem to be the elements of the DHS concerned with immigration, obviously including Border Patrol & ICE.

Fortunately, Trump & his inner circle aren't very good at statesmanship. Especially Musk. The smart thing would be to steadily replace the employees so that the ideological slant favors them, while maintaining the power these organizations hold. They're not doing this, they're just focused on getting a petty revenge for what the FBI did to Trump & many of his supporters throughout the Biden administration. This means the apparatus' that worked against every ideological group from Rockwell's ANP to Atomwaffen Division to Patriot Front is effectively defanged, what little power they have is directed at immigrants & pro-Palestine leftists.

These units didn't exist on their own, they worked in tandem with civilian organizations like the major media outlets, as well as groups like the ADL & SPLC. However, the ADL doesn't actually have any real power. At the end of the day it's just a bunch of Jews whining about antisemitism. Without the feds to actually enforce their nonsense, they just become another political group waiting to get their office torched by their enemies. It's like the Mafia without anyone to actually conduct violent crime. Much easier to deal with.

What's a more likely scenario than 1992 Yugoslavia is 1991 Soviet Union. Trump can very easily be equated to Gorbachev, a breath of fresh air but also a harbinger of the end. Even if tons of people generally support Trump & what he's doing, that's because he's an anti-establishment politician. The average person has lost basically every ounce of respect for the federal government & it's various agencies, especially in the aftermath of the Epstein fiasco, meaning very few people actually have any allegiance to the government itself. The difference between Trump & Gorbachev is that the latter didn't go after the KGB first, leading to a failed coup & later constitutional crisis.

The KGB had essentially the same role as the "intelligence community" & federal law enforcement in the US. That is to defend the state, the system itself. In *Hunter*, Dr. Pierce specifically referred to them as a sort of Praetorian Guard. They have the single goal of defending the system, & that's why the FBI is far more concerned with political extremism than actual crime. The same was true with similar units like the Iraqi Republican Guard, or the SS. The thorough erosion of these agencies currently underway severely limits the system's ability to defend itself, or even bounce back from the Trump presidency under future establishment administrations.

When the Soviet Union collapsed, things went relatively well. Especially compared to their Yugo counterparts. This is because the KGB expended a massive amount of energy on trying to avoid any violent independence movements, as there were already a handful brewing among nationalist groups in places like Ukraine or the Baltics. They knew that they did not have the power to pull off a suppression operation like what happened in Hungary in 1956. This exact situation occurred in Chechnya shortly after the collapse, & it's self evident how poorly that went. For the Soviets, they potentially could have faced similar situations across Eastern Europe & Central Asia. The relatively peaceful downfall was to avoid this.

While the KGB, with the oligarchs who formerly belonged to the Communist government, did manage to keep a lid on things it was still not enough to preserve the USSR & barely managed to keep the system alive via the Russian Federation. The US, as of now, does not have this protection. Our own KGB analogues never had nearly the amount of resources & power as organizations like the Stasi, so the fact that they're losing what little they have is significant.

This will potentially lead to a far more unpredictable 'collapse' scenario than what happened to the Soviets. This is for 3 reasons, the first a which is the aforementioned lack of federal power.

The second is that ethnic conflicts will not play the same role. America is, contrary to popular belief, an ethnically homogeneous society. Virtually every White American is of Germanic and/or Celtic blood. The few mediterraneans & Slavs aren't significant in number & don't have an identity strong enough to separate themselves from the rest of White America. This is important because both the USSR & Yugoslavia collapsed along roughly ethnic lines. These formed the basis for the modern states in the Baltics, Ukraine & Central Asia. These easily followed borders of cultural & ethnic groups made the breakup a fairly simple process, as well providing a baseline identity to independence movements that encompassed a variety of ideological currents. America doesn't have this, beyond the cultural differences seen in areas like the Deep South or MidWest. Even these lines are blurry & of debatable significance to anyone.

What America does have is entirely separate races, which have significantly different political trends. These races are not neatly compartmentalized into different corners of the country, they're spread out across it. Well defined ethnic lines only exist at the smallest levels, neighborhoods & '*parts of town*.' This means there is no easy path to separation. This is especially important in the South, which holds the bulk of the Black population while also having the most consistently RW White population. In places like Mississippi, votes are determined by local demographics every time. This is also the region where "racist attitudes" are the most common to begin with. (Note for non-American readers: Racism in the US is directly correlated to the size of the local Black population)

This isn't strictly unique to the South, the racial destruction of cities like Chicago & Detroit has led to a similar rise in the sentiment throughout the MidWest. Even Upstate New York has a substantial amount "implicit racial bias" or whatever other euphemism researchers use. This is important because any civil conflict in the US will be an indirect race war. Mainstream politics are already implicitly racial, with a bit of gray area from time to time, so even a generic conflict between a conservative faction & liberal faction will be overwhelmingly along racial lines in diverse regions. Where this becomes blurry is with the Hispanics, which tend to be split in allegiance between Whites & Blacks. It's equally common for them to tend towards Whites (note cooperation between Aryan Brotherhood & Mexican Mafia) or tend towards the collective of browns depending on their specific ethnic background.

The only places where racial tension wouldn't play a significant role is in mostly ethnically homogeneous areas, such as the Heartland or New England. Though, these still aren't immune to the national conversation regarding race.

The last factor is the capitalist question. Although the USSR had its fair share of oligarchs, these weren't exactly independent agents. Most oligarchs were party members who controlled state-run enterprises, later privatized after 1991. America has a different model, where major corporations have a significant amount of power in their own right & are capable of using their money to heavily influence both the government & public opinion. I doubt I need to stress to anyone the amount of power corporations like Amazon or Walmart have, not to mention the myriad of more localized companies.

This begs the question of where their loyalty would lie. Obviously, they won't be directly supporting any anti-government groups. It's bad for business, active warzones aren't exactly economic centers & supporting anyone alienates the majority of the customer base. Corporations will support the system, at least tacitly, because they are the system. Just as much as any government agency. This much is obvious, what's less obvious is what happens when the government loses too much power. Even if we look at scenarios like Cascadian independence, what happens to companies like Microsoft that run their central operations out of Seattle?

To make matters even more convoluted, Elon Musk has shown that corporations can have a decisive ideological slant. It's safe to say that there won't be any strong leftists working in Tesla, SpaceX, etc. For those fond of the new administration, working here may be especially appealing. I don't think this will be exceedingly common, CEOs having their own brand recognition is a recent phenomenon & still very rare - reserved for the heads of a few notable tech giants like Zuckerberg or Bezos. For the most part, corporations will likely do whatever the board of directors think will allow them to survive & profit through the period. This becomes especially true if companies begin facing attacks by militants who see them as enemies, such as the string of vandalism against Tesla going on now. They'd likely just try to stay under the radar.

Still, this is uncharted territory historically. We haven't seen civil conflict in a country that economically matters, just third world countries where all the major corporations are foreign. There was never a real threat of Iraqi insurgents attacking the BP headquarters in London or Colombian socialists bombing the Coca-cola offices in Atlanta. It's very different if the conflict is here, & includes people who in all likelihood have/had jobs with these companies. The directors & executives could even have an ideological slant of their own, discretely supporting militant groups to advance this. Similar situations happened with oligarchs & militants on both sides of the 2014 war in Ukraine.

Naturally, it stands to reason that corporations owned by Jews or Blacks will inherently have a disposition towards certain ideological strains. Less obvious is what organizations like Amazon or Blackrock, the ones that are universally hated by all sectors of the political spectrum, are going to do once the government can't protect them. Due to the sheer amount of resources these sorts of corporations have, it's not beyond the realm of possibility that they create their own armed forces. If nothing else to simply protect their assets. This shouldn't be thought of like private armies, as seen in cyberpunk fiction, but more in line with how oil companies hire PMCs to protect their assets in Iraq, Syria, Libya, etc. It's entirely possible for Amazon to create its own version of Blackwater to protect its warehouses & trucks. For video game nerds, a similar situation to the formation of USEC in *Escape from Tarkov*.

This isn't to say any of this is inevitable, it's entirely plausible that companies simply try to stay afloat & out of harms way. But it's an unknown variable that must be considered in any hypothetical collapse scenario, especially considering its historical uniqueness & the powerful position some of these corporations hold in American society. Regardless, they will be an important target for militants in the prior levels of violence.

The part you were probably expecting is the map, Hex's prediction of borders & successor states. You're not getting one. All of these maps of a "balkanized USA" are just fantasy for map game nerds. People's Republic of California, Fascist Union of New England, it's all nonsense. In truth, the actual end state of the hypothetical post-collapse America is entirely unpredictable. It's easy to say that some sort of Leftist coalition will be in charge of the Pacific Northwest because these are firmly blue states already. Except they're only really blue in the cities, which is fine if they want to rerun the Capitol Hill Autonomous Zone but completely irrelevant if they want an independent state. As much as cities like Portland are hotspots for die hard leftoids & AntiFa organizations, this region is also home to some of the most radical RWers. Decades ago it was a hotspot for organizations like the Aryan Nations & Silent Brotherhood. Just a few years ago it was a hotspot for members of both Atomwaffen Division & The Base, currently it has no shortage of other radical elements.

This is true for other areas often deemed to be "leftist" by map nerds. Some of the most intense activism from the RW in the past few years has been in the dark blue New England states, thanks to NSC-131 & friends. The flip side is Texas, which is also a hotspot for radicals but has been the worst victim of Latinx invasion. California, everyone's favorite paradigm of liberal politics, has more Republican voters than any other state. Due to its severe history, it's been a hotbed for RW groups for decades - giving rise to all manner of organizations from the NSLF to the Aryan Brotherhood. Sure, we can probably hypothesize that the strip of coast from San Francisco to San Diego will be a leftoid stronghold, but there's no certainty once you leave these metro areas & enter the mountains of NorCal or the Mojave desert.

What I'm trying to say is that these lines are not set in stone & can change rapidly. A RW militant group in the PNW can effectively control the region by simply killing enough leftist militants & scaring off their supporters. An Atomwaffen knockoff could easily lose in Texas due to the sheer number of non-Whites & leftoid transplants to the major cities. As someone who was forced to live there, the area around Washington DC is probably the only place in the country where the federal government & its actions are popular. Not because of a loyal citizenry but because virtually everyone there works for the government or is involved in politics. Unfortunately for them, they're right next to Appalachia & all of the potential radicals to sprout out of there.

A better map would be to simply look at levels of political divide & historical extremist activity. We can safely say that violence will be common across the West Coast, as well as swing states like Florida or Pennsylvania. New England will probably be a hotspot due to the amount of radical activism already present, as well as the fact that the bulk of left leaning types in this region are actually old & irrelevant when swords are drawn. The MidWest is a similar situation, you have a lot of Blacks & leftoids in Chicago & Detroit, surrounded on all sides by people who are embarrassed of these cities. I highly doubt there will be any significant violence in the plains of Wyoming or South Dakota, no one lives here & there's rarely any important political actions. It's more likely prospective militants leave these areas for the hotspots where they'd be useful.

War, in the words of MCDP-1, is a violent struggle between two hostile, independent, and irreconcilable wills, each trying to impose itself on the other. There's no easy way out of this in America, these wills will simply have to face each other & see who comes out on top.

My personal prediction is that leftoid militants go the same route as Paris, or CHAZ in 2020. Setting up communes in their urban strongholds & attempting to exert power from there. The RW is generally far more popular in more rural & suburban settings, so that will likely be the points of strength for our side. This is fairly optimistic, cities are virtually useless when they can't control the terrain around them. If a commune is established in Detroit, it would be very easy for militants operating in the suburbs & boondocks to effectively control any rail or road traffic. This doesn't necessarily need be an all out siege, just enough to get regular people to leave so the activists can be targeted easier while they wallow in their misery.

Another important consideration is that the government will have an ideological bias. One thing we learned the hard way in AWD was that a leftist controlled government will go easy on its own radicals & harder on the others, while a right leaning one will do the opposite. The Biden admin was very active against RW organizations from Patriot Front to The Base, while being very lenient with AntiFa or BLM types. The two Trump admins have done the opposite, to an extent. This is even more apparent at state & local levels. This is important because we might see a nightmare scenario where we are allied with what's left of the federal government.

Say, the year is 2030. America has suddenly been thrust into civil war. In one scenario, the president is Kamala Harris. In the other, JD Vance. Once the government has lost enough power that it can't even attempt to fight all the various radical groups, it will rely on roughly allied militants to avoid their most energetic enemies from seizing control. It's not out of the books for an American Azov Battalion to form, funded by the federal government, to fight leftoid separatists. Conversely, it's not off the table to see a leftist government give support to AntiFa groups fighting the RW. More likely, & important, is that each government will show leniency to its own. They will investigate their own less enthusiastically, they will give shorter sentences. You've already seen this in how left-leaning & right-leaning media & political personalities treated organizations like AntiFa & Proud Boys during the street fighting of the first Trump admin.

This is a dangerous situation for us, as it's a potential deradicalization agent. Azov & Right Sector get a pass, they couldn't continue the revolution because they faced an invasion from Russia. Our fear should be ending up like the Freikorps during the German civil war, where we solve the leftist problem but are left to deal with the center-right problem. The key to this is to simply not lose the forest for the trees, take whatever edge working with the government gives you but maintain ideological purity & remember that defeating leftists is of equal importance to *actually seizing power*.

An important concept is the idea of battlefield shaping, in a political context. In military operations, shaping operations are carried out to control the battlefield. Often these are bombing & artillery missions, meant to take options away from the enemy & try to influence them to do things that put you in a better position. A good example is using aircraft to destroy vehicles & roadways, forcing the enemy to fight or surrender as they lose a significant ability to retreat. You are literally 'shaping' the battlefield to be more favorable to your units.

In the realm of politics, this means trying to force the conversation into favorable terms. This can be purely informational, using the typical propaganda that the 'dissident right' has been at, to some success, for years. This can also be physical, meaning literally killing or otherwise terrorizing politicians. For example, if a radical Joe Biden supporter wanted to cut off the 'woke' elements of the party, they would likely target politicians like AOC. A RW equivalent would be targeting 'kosher right' types like Vivek or Romney. Essentially, forcing every politician on your side to be more akin to JD Vance at minimum. After that, pushing even further & forcing your own agenda into politics.

Essentially, you can target problematic individuals that are broadly in your camp so that only influencers that you find agreeable are talking. Like killing Nick Fuentes or Ben Shapiro so that right-leaning people are more likely to come straight to you. This can occur at all levels from local to Congress. This may seem like a pointless side mission, but imagine if someone were to take out two SCOTUS judges today. Both generally left-leaning. Now, Trump gets to put in two die hard loyalists. This would make his hassles with the federal government a lot smoother if the Supreme Court would basically sign off on anything.

Again, I stress, the ultimate goal is total power. No half measures. This is simply done to bring the entire RW closer to the militants, same with leftoids going after Dens that aren't woke enough. This allows militants to expand the ranks of both members & supporters. Once the government has lost any important power, it becomes irrelevant & can be ignored until it's properly overthrown or an independent country is established.

The final variable I want to bring up is the danger of foreign intervention. There will be intervention, Mexicans will probably assist their tribesmen in the Southwest. Countries like Russia will undoubtedly provide at least covert support at this stage in order to weaken their geopolitical adversary. I wouldn't doubt that a full UN peacekeeping mission is sent to the US to quell the violence. This wouldn't work, the UN couldn't even begin to lessen the violence in Somalia. America has almost 400 million people & is the most armed country in the world. Deployment of foreign troops on US soil would do nothing to stop the fighting, but would do a great job at further discrediting the government among the population. It would be a better recruiting tool than any propaganda a militant group could put out.

The real dangers are China & the liberal democracies of Canada & the EU. Purely because it's fairly obvious who they would consider "freedom fighters" & who gets labeled "terrorists." Fortunately, none of these countries have effective militaries so any true military intervention is off the table, especially considering the sheer number of people that would desert to join the militants. The most realistic danger is AntiFa groups running around with G36s & other equipment produced across the pond. This is assuming that these countries are still liberal democracy strongholds by this time, which is increasingly unlikely by the look of political trends. China will obviously side with communists, especially those based on the West Coast, to advance their own interests. For historical precedent, look into the Soviet support for leftist movements during the Cold War. The CIA did the same.

If you are offered support from a state actor, just be sure to not become pawns of that state. You can take all the AK-74's Russia sends, doesn't mean you're friends.

The title of this article is somewhat misleading. I don't actually think America will split into different independent states with their own cultures & such. As I said earlier, America doesn't have the same lines in the sand as the USSR. The split in America will be based on the enclaves formed by various militant groups. Even if two completely separate organizations take control of New England & Cascadia, but both are some flavor of far-right or White nationalist, they will inevitably be on good terms & be closely allied to the point of practically being the same group. This will only accelerate as they support other similar organizations & they steadily coalesce. The same isn't necessarily true for others, like a hypothetical Mormon jihadi state in Utah.

In reality, I would say that even if the county is fractured along ideological lines it will inevitably even out. The People's Republic of California cannot possibly exist in peace bordering some NatSoc regime in Cascadia. It will inevitably lead to conflict, eventually the more powerful side will simply snuff out their enemies & consolidate power. If the country ends up being roughly evenly split, we may see this pseudo-balkanization coalesce into a more typical two-sided conflict.

Another prediction of mine is that this hypothetical conflict would heavily resemble the Russian civil war, in terms of how the factions play out anyway. All leftists are more or less the same, they only really disagree on certain specifics. Any leftist groups, whether they be a Marxist militant group formed entirely of transsexuals or a club of cat ladies, can be more or less assumed to get along. The RW is different, & is as divided in ideology as the White Army was in 1919. A simple gaze through Xwitter will show you this, it's endemic to RW thought.

The "right wing" organizations will likely have a considerable amount of conflict, for example a White nationalist organization coming into conflict with a Christian fundamentalist but 'color blind' organization. These wouldn't be the biggest issue to begin with, most can agree that the primary threat is the other side of the spectrum & government, but over a long enough time frame the irreconcilable differences will be unavoidable. Ideally, this can be solved with simple geographic separation, but ultimately have a game plan to quickly strike at these incompatible organizations when the need arises. Knight of Long Knives style. In the meantime, try to avoid too much infighting less it leads us to the same outcome as the White Army in Russia.

That being said, don't expect too much variation in these groups. As I brought up in my previous articles, there are certain warlike ideologies. You will never see a centrist revolutionary, nor will you see a groyper militant. You can assess this yourself by looking at their ideology, the people that follow it, & their history of extremism. Despite relatively low numbers, National Socialists of some variety will make up a disproportionately large percentage of RW militants. At this point, probably an outright majority. I can say this because we have a long history of ideological violence. In prisons, White prisoners donned the swastika & the name Aryan Brotherhood. Virtually every White street gang has been a Peckerwood gang, with swastika tattoos. Robert Matthews, Dr. Pierce, Timothy McVeigh, Atomwaffen Division, Brenton Tarrant, the list goes on. Those knowledgeable about NS ideology won't be surprised by this. The only comparable group is the new generation of libertarians, but that's honestly an easily resolved problem given the infamous pipeline.

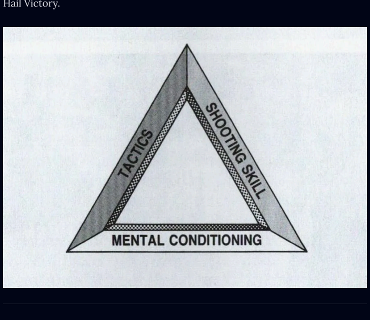
The left is the same way, the slightly overweight woman collecting signatures for some racial equality bill isn't going to be carrying an AK. They never have. It will be the Marxists, anarchists, & in our age the transsexuals. The same people that made up the Black Panthers, Weatherman Underground & punk gangs. Leftoids can be briefly triggered into helping with a riot, but only the cutting edge is actually going to form militant organizations. Note that as militant organizations grow in size & influence, they tend to attract more 'moderate' individuals, but this still has its limits. Ideological conflict is the realm of radicals, extremists, not the average joe who can barely be bothered to vote. This makes our job easier.

If you want a word of advice, as a wannabe revolutionary, you should live near your enemy. Southern California, New England, Texas, Florida, DC, the PNW. This is where you can do the most damage in the "Years of Lead" stage of conflict, or if you want to wage a one man war. It will also be the frontline of any future ideological conflict. You don't need to be neighbors with Vaush, but it would behoove you to be in driving distance if you wanted to shut up an enemy mouthpiece. As stated earlier, these areas are already hotbeds for militant & activist organizations anyway.

Most importantly, always remember that war is a clash of wills. The side that wins is always the side that wants to win the most. If things do escalate to this point, it would be in your best interest to fight. There's plenty of historical examples of what happens when leftoids win, from Haiti to Spain to China. Checking out & trying to stay put of things isn't an option, the only option is winning.

This is all hypothetical & I don't condone violence, even if it's funny.

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